

## IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday August 25th, 2024

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### **Silent Key - Ian McStay EI7CX**

We regret to announce the death of Ian McStay EI7CX. Ian was licensed in the mid-1970s and served on the IRTS Committee in the early 80s and again in the early 90s. He also served as the IRTS IARU representative for several years. Ian was instrumental in organising the handover of IRTS archive material to the National Library in 1994. He was laid to rest in Deansgrange Cemetery in Dublin yesterday, Saturday the 24th of August. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Joan, his children, extended family, and his wide circle of friends and colleagues.

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### **News from the IRTS**

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) is thrilled to announce its participation in the vibrant Dublin Maker 2024 festival. This year's event will take place at the historic Richmond Barracks, Saint Michael's Estate, Dublin 8 (Eircode D08 YY05) next weekend Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Thanks to a record-breaking turnout in 2023, Dublin Maker has expanded to a two-day celebration, promising even more fun and innovation. This dynamic 'show and tell' festival showcases a diverse range of creators, including tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, artists, science clubs, students, authors, and commercial exhibitors. These talented makers, from all ages and backgrounds, come from all over Ireland and beyond to share their passion and creativity.

Dublin Maker aims to entertain, inform, and connect the makers of Ireland, inspiring the next generation of inventors and creators. The IRTS is excited to be part of this mission, showcasing the fascinating world of amateur radio and the society's efforts to promote this engaging hobby in Ireland and beyond. Don't miss out on this fantastic event! Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Come and meet the IRTS team, explore the wonders of amateur radio, and discover how you can get involved. A big thank you to Jeffrey Roe EI7IRB for his invaluable assistance in making our participation possible. Mark your calendars and join us for a weekend full of creativity, innovation, and community spirit at Dublin Maker 2024.

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### **145 Alive Event on Sunday 29th September**

The next 145 Alive event takes place on the 29th of September from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is not a contest but is a fun activity to promote the use of 2-metre FM simplex. David Gardiner EI3IXB is coordinating net control locations and frequencies on a first come first

serve basis. Anyone interested in getting involved as a net control station should contact David via email at ei3ixb /at/ gmail.com as soon as possible.

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### **HF Newsreaders Required**

HF newsreaders are required to join our current panel of newsreaders for the weekly Sunday morning 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins. There is very little involved in reading a bulletin and no experience is necessary. If any licensed IRTS member living in EI feels like that they would be interested in becoming part of the IRTS newsreaders panel or if you require more information, please get in touch with the IRTS News Coordinator Seany EI2HZB by phone on 083 4713001 or via email to irts\_pro /at/ irts.ie.

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### **IRTS SSB Field Day**

All clubs are encouraged to get involved in the upcoming IRTS SSB Field Day weekend. This will take place over September 7th and 8th, 2024. Running from 13:00 UTC on Saturday 7th until 13:00 UTC the following day, it is an excellent opportunity to learn more about setting up a station from scratch, honing your skills as an operator or tester, as well as having an enjoyable radio-related social occasion. You can find further information about this event at [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) or through your local club.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC**

The August meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 26th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University. Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU WestCampus, Carriganore, Waterford. Eircode X91 WR86. Anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend.

Seany, Shirley, Keith, and the entire EI2WRC team extend a very warm “Céad Míle Fáilte” to both friends old and new to come to Bagenalstown on the 7th and 8th of September for a fun day out as part of the IRTS SSB Field Day Contest which takes place that weekend. Whether you may be a licensed operator, 11m operator, a SWL, or just someone who is just interested in the hobby, you are every welcome to come along for what promises to be a fun weekend. Although the weekend is the SSB Field Day Contest, it will be a very social weekend and a chance to catch up with friends. Drop by for a cup of tea and a chat. Everyone is very welcome! Anyone that may be coming for Shirley’s Sunday Super Brunch must book their place by next Thursday August 29th. To book a place or for more info, contact Seany EI2HZB.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie)

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group Meeting**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Princess Bar, Irishtown Upper, Clonmel, Co Tipperary on Wednesday the 28th of August 2024 at 8 p.m. The Eircode for this venue is E91 PW90. The meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, visit their group website at [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie)

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### **Approaching Deadline for ComReg's Radio Spectrum Management Consultation**

ComReg has an open consultation regarding a Radio Spectrum Management Operating Plan for 2025 to 2028. Amateur radio is a part of this consultation with several areas of focus of interest to consider. They have set a deadline of 5 p.m. next Friday, the 30th of August 2024 for submissions. Further information including the consultation document which has the reference number "ComReg 24/65" may be found via the news section of ComReg's website which is available at [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie)

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### **DX Féile 2024 Update**

Ireland's DX convention called DX Féile 2024 takes place at the Temple Gate Hotel in Ennis, Co. Clare on Saturday the 5th of October. It promises to be another excellent event. However, just a few places remain for it, and the organisers advise you to book early as this is expected to be another sell-out event. Enquiries should be directed to David EI9FBB via email at ei9fbb /at/ gmail.com.

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### **Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News**

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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